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I don't have any personal interest in the bill because to me when you die you're just a lump of inert matter. You're supposed to go back where you came from, which means the worms and other creatures which feast on dead things should have a shot at you. Your parts should decompose and nourish plants. That is what nature is about. Living things live at the expense of other things which either are alive or were alive. So if you can look at it strictly from a biological point of view then there should not be any ceremonies when a person dies. There should not be expensive funerals or any funerals to speak of. But in a society like this one, unfortunately, there is an aura of superstition and mysticism attached to a person who dies which never would have existed when the person was alive. A person whose body rests in the ground has more respect in many instances than that person had when he or she was walking about. People would think it was terrible to do what they called desecrating a grave. But if you desecrate that person before he or she is in the grave it's ho-hum and not too great a thing.

As a matter of fact people are concerned when other people die. The treatment of the body of the one who is deceased does have some impact on those who still live. If you decide that you want to enact this bill I don't have any opposition to you enacting it, but I believe you ought to be aware of what it is that you're enacting so that if it's brought to your attention later on then you won't say that it was one of those bills that carried an important provision but it slipped through.

I can vote for the bill in reality. I said this before it came up that I'm opposed to the bill. I'm not really opposed to it but I feel an obligation to point out what I think the bill does entail and the factors involved. Personally, I think it would be best to cremate bodies. It would do away with the undertaker extorting money from people who are sad and feel an obligation to the public to show how much they love the one who died, so they buy expensive coffins which are overpriced, they pay for services which are totally unnecessary and which do not accomplish what the undertakers say they will accomplish.

Perhaps this bill could be a start in that direction. It begins by giving to the person total control over his or her body while alive and then after death. The next of kins feelings are ignored. Realistically that probably is what ought to happen. It might lead to a maturing of the attitude at least in this state with reference to death. After we once make people realize that a dead body is not sacred, that it's no different then the carcass of a cow or pig or chicken in the order of nature, and the significance is only attached by human beings, then we can begin to do something about the undertaking industry.

But you ought to be aware of what the bill does. I'm not speaking in opposition to the bill, merely to offer information.